

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/31/2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment dated 10/31/2007 has been fully considered and entered into the Record. The amendment contains no new matter. The previously applied art rejections of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 36, 39, 40 and 43 have been withdrawn as the applied art fails to provide for suggest the application of a fluorochemical and antimicrobial applied to a first side of a fibrous textile and an electrically conductive coating layer being present only on its second side. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 36, 39, 40 and 43 are currently active. Claims 3, 4, 8-11, 13, 17, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41 and 42 have been cancelled. Previously withdrawn claims 12, 14-16, 18-23, 25-32 and 35 are now cancelled by Applicant.

3. The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 11/7/2007 has been fully considered and entered into the Record.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on 3/5/2008 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 7,320,947 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowed Claims

5. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 36, 39, 40 and 43 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to teach or suggest the application of a fluorochemical and antimicrobial applied to a first side of a fibrous textile and an electrically conductive coating layer being present only on its second side.
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MATTHEW D. MATZEK whose telephone number is (571)272-2423. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571.272.1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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